

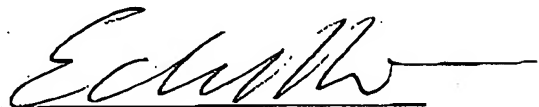
REMARKS

Claims 17 to 28 are in the application, with Claims 1 to 16 having been canceled. Claims 17, 20, 22 and 25 are independent. Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

The claims herein have been amended to correspond to the allowed claims of the corresponding Japanese application. Claims 27 and 28 substantially correspond to their respective allowed claims of the Japanese application, but have been written to conform more closely to U.S. patent practice with regard to computer program claims.

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